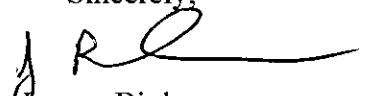


Regarding Docket Number LS-02-02

As a strict consumer of organic foods, I am outraged by the blatant disregard for the organic standards that have recently been enacted. My interests in organic foods extends to humanitarian treatment of the animals (including free range, grass-fed and anti-biotic free animals), strict environmental sustainability to the land, and sustainability to local economies. I believe all these things are innate in upholding what was intended as responsible organic farming practices. They were put in place primarily for the people who wish to eat food that is free from antibiotics, pesticides, fumigants, fungicides, herbicides, and other harmful chemicals as well as for the organic industry. The decision to allow non-organic feed to be fed to animals and have that pass as organic is not only a gross violation of public trust, but also a violation of the standards that many worked arduously to enact. I ask that you withdraw the proposed meat marketing claims and standards ( LS-02-02) that allow such measures. I ask that small family farms be consulted in drafting a new measure as they are the heart of sustainable ethics and truly represent the consumers need and desire from the industry. As a government agency, you allegiance is to the consumer and is not beholden to an industry. I ask that you please consider my concern and that of countless others. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jayson Bixler